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Credentials of representatives to the Summit: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Ms. Maria Gabriela Chifflet (Uruguay)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the World Summit on Sustainable Development provides that:

> "A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Summit. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Summit without delay."

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 26 August 2002, the Summit, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-sixth session, namely, China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, the United States of America and Uruguay.

3. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 29 August 2002.

4. Ms. Maria Gabriela Chifflet (Uruguay) was unanimously elected Chairman.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Summit dated 29 August 2002 on the credentials of representatives of States and of the European Community to the Summit. A representative of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Summit, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequently to its preparation.

6. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the Summit, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Summit, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 77 States and the European Community: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belgium, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso,

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Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

7. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of States to the Summit had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the mission concerned, by the following 112 States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland, Switzerland, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and in the statement relating thereto, the following State participating in the Summit had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General any information regarding its representatives to the Summit: Chad.

9. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States listed in the above-mentioned memorandum and the statement relating thereto and the European Community, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the World Summit on Sustainable Development referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General of the Summit dated 29 August 2002,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives of the States and of the European Community referred to in the above-mentioned memorandum."

11. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Summit the adoption of a draft resolution (see para.13 below).

12. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Summit.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Summit the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

"*The World Summit on Sustainable Development*,

"*Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."

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Agenda item 8
Partnership events

Summaries of the partnership events

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its first plenary meeting, on 26 August 2002, the World Summit on Sustainable Development adopted its organization of work and decided to hold partnership events at 10 partnership plenary meetings, as follows:

- Six partnership plenary meetings were devoted to the WEHAB themes (water and sanitation, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity); cross-sectoral issues (finance, trade, technology transfer, sustainable consumption and production patters, education, science, capacity-building, and information and decision-making); and biodiversity and ecosystem management
- One partnership plenary meeting was devoted to regional implementation.
- Three plenary meetings were devoted to a general debate for non-State entities, an account of which will be contained in the report of the Summit.

2. Summaries of the first seven partnership plenary meetings will be issued as addenda to the present note.

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